GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TRIBAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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UPLIFTMENT OF TRIBAL WOMEN
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Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of tribal women employed in Government sector (both in the States and Centr

(e) during the last five years, State-wise;

(b) whether adequate attention has not been paid to uplift the tribal women for better education and employment; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government for upliftment of tribal women?

Answer

MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P. R. KYNDIAH)

(a): The information on the number of tribal women employed in the Government sector is not maintained.

(b)& (c): In addition to the schemes implemented by the State Governments and other sectoral Ministries of the Central Government concerned with education and employment,the Ministry of Tribal Affairs implements the following schemes for the upliftment of tribals, both women and men in the field of education and employment.

i) Under the scheme of Ashram Schools,funds are provided for construction of residential schools for STs in an environment conducive to learning.

ii) Under the scheme of Girls and Boys Hostels for Scheduled Tribes, Central assistance is given to StateslUTs for construction of new hostel buildings and/or extension of existing hostels.

iii) Grants-in-aid are released to Non Government Organisations (NGOs) for setting up schools, both residential and non-residential, for tribal children.

iv) Model residential schools called the Eklavya Model Residential Schools for meritorious tribal students for Class VI to XII have been set up in tribal areas in different states and are being supported through grants.

v) Setting up Educational Complexes in Low Literacy Pockets for improving literacy among ST women.

vi) Upgradation of merit for preparing ST candidates, both girls and boys,for competitive examinations to improve their representation in various posts and services.

vii) Rajiv Gandhi National Fellowship (RGNF) is provided to ST students to enable them to pursue higher studies for obtaining M.Phii and Ph.D qualifications.

viii) Vocational Training Centres in Tribal Areas which aims at developing the skills of the tribal youth for gainful employment/self employment.

ix) Special Central Assistance is provided in Tribal Sub-Plan Areas for filling up the critical gaps in employment-cum-income generation activities and infiastructure incidental thereto.

x) The National Scheduled Tribes Finance and Development Corporation (NSTFDC) provides loans at concessional rate of interest for identified tradeslbusinessl professions and other economic activities of importance, upgradation of skills of the tribals.

xi) The Tribal Cooperative Marketing Development Federation of India Ltd.(TRIFED) provides marketing support to State Tribal Development Cooperative Corporations (STDCCs),State Forest `Development Corporations (SFDCs) and other State level Agencies engaged in procurement of natural products grown! collected by the tribals.

The scheme at serial no.
(v) is meant exclusively for ST girls. All other schemes are for both ST males and females.